

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 375 - HB 402

March 1, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits a voter who is unable to present proper evidence of identification to vote a provisional ballot. These voters would only be authorized to use forms of identification that include a photograph of the voter. If the voter does not have and is unable to afford a valid photo identification (ID) license, such identification would be issued by the Department of Safety to the voter upon the voter's signing of a pauper's oath and any fees would be waived.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Forgone State Revenue - \$389,500/FY11-12
\$20,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$115,300/FY11-12
\$5,800/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- In the November 2008 general election, 2,618,238 votes were cast. Of this number, 410,000 are potentially eligible for the free photo ID. Ten percent (or 41,000) will apply for the free photo ID.
- Five percent (or 2,100) will apply for the free photo ID in the second and subsequent years.
- According to the Department of Safety (DOS), these requests for photo IDs will not occur in the absence of this bill. Due to the requirement that the photo ID be issued at no cost to the voter, any revenue impact to the state is considered forgone revenue.
- DOS currently charges \$9.50 for a photo ID.
- Forgone revenue will be \$389,500 (41,000 x \$9.50 fee) in FY11-12.
- Forgone revenue will be \$19,950 (2,100 x \$9.50 fee) in FY12-13 and subsequent years.
- The cost to print the free photo ID is \$2.75 per license. The cost to print the affidavit of indigence is \$.05 each. The number of affidavits printed will be 50,000.
- The increase in state expenditures will be \$115,250 [(50,000 x \$0.05) + (41,000 x \$2.75)] in FY11-12.

- The recurring increase in state expenditures will be \$5,775 (2,100 x \$2.75 photo ID cost) in FY12-13 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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